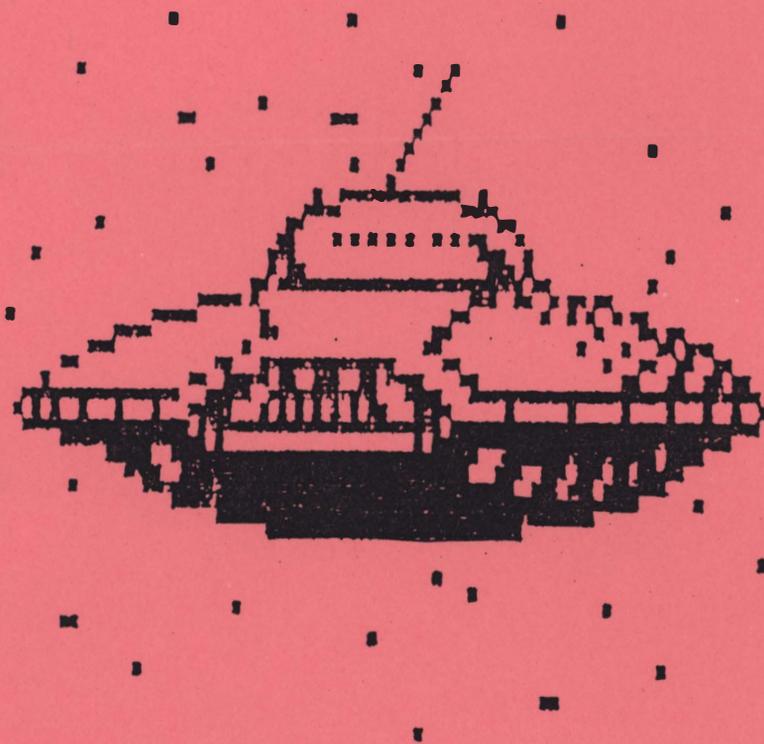


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NOVEMBER NEWS

The Australian scene continues on a "low key" with little or no information coming in about UFO cases elsewhere in the country. The major event recently was not a UFO sighting but the "UFO Mystery" seminar held in Sydney over the weekend of September 7/8th. The overseas UFO experts visiting for the seminar attracted some media interest, mainly press and TV interviews with Britian's Jenny Randles. The ABC TV show, Couchman Over Australia had a UFO special featuring some of the seminar speakers, the show was interesting but due to obvious time constraints could not go into the subject in depth.

Another event that did not cause too much media response was the Australian Centre for UFO Studies conference which occured some twelve months ago. TUFOIC being unable to attend submitted a paper on the group's development over the years and the current "state of play" in Tasmania.

Via the ACUFOS Bulletin we learnt that there had not only been a change of executive at ACUFOS but also a change in direction with a proposition to pressure a response from the Federal Government on the UFO question. So far so good. However, a statement has been put forward by the new ACUFOS executive on the UFO positions as they perceive it. TUFOIC find it hard to relate to this new direction. ACUFOS was conceived as an umbrella organisation to disseminate the views of its member bodies, record reports, represent groups at a national level, and assist where possible in investigation problems.

The Tasmanian UFO Investigation Centre has never commented on the activities of its fellow organisations but we feel that ACUFOS' proposed actions are based on as yet unproven theories propounded by sources that do not appear to be reliable.

SIGHTINGS

As mentioned earlier sighting activity is currently at a low ebb with only 4 unidentified cases so far this year. The first report was from King Island on January 13th when several witnesses reported an erratic white light that went east at first, then back towards the west before disappearing in the south west. The sighting lasted about 10 minutes. Another large light was reported by two witnesses whilst travelling to Lefroy on March 19th at 11pm, a round orange to yellow light appeared ahead of their car, went out, only to reappear some kilometres further on. The round light disappeared behind a nearby hill leaving a brief glow in the sky.

A more complex series of reports came from two Bruny Island witnesses on May 21st. Over a period of a couple of hours that evening they watched a number of orange lights that moved back and forth in their northern sky. The lights seemed to appear in pairs and would be visible moving in a level path across the sky for a minute or so before they went out. One pair of lights came south and looked to be just north of the witnesses viewing point. Checks by the Centre showed there was no aircraft movements in the area. Investigation included a visit to the witnesses home but no obvious explanation was found for the lights.

The coverage on Hobart's Channel Six of a UFO filmed at Waddamana on August 25th looked initially to be "a dream report" for the Centre. However, we were unable to obtain a copy of the video 8 film as the witnesses were on a visit to the state. Full sighting detail was obtained from the witness who had gone to the area to do a bit of shooting. The sighting which occurred around 9pm maybe earlier had started when two round lights were noticed it seemed on a hillside to the east or north east.

On investigation it was found that it was very dark at the time and the hill line was not visible. The two lights seemed to change shape into a large longish light then it took on more of a speckled appearance with numerous lights. The witnesses say the light never moved but from viewing the video it could be seen that the lights moved right to left in the field of view. Soon after the moon was noticed in the partly cloudy sky. It seems probable that the film was of the rising moon shot through hilltop trees and bushes.

What was it that visited one of Hobart's Eastern Shore ovals in the early hours of Tuesday September 17th. To date the case remains unexplained but we have only one witness despite the fact that the report occurred in a built up area only a few kilometres from the city centre. The sighting location is in parkland alongside one of Hobart's major sporting ovals. The event taking place over the parking area for service vehicles at the ground. This area is laid with honeycombed concrete which allows grass to grow through the gaps to give a lawn like appearance.

Our witness who lives nearby had been up about 4am as his mother had to be taken to hospital, it was as the ambulance was leaving that he noticed a flash of light by the sports oval. After going inside his house he looked out and noticed flashing lights near ground level alongside the oval. He was not sure if the lights were at ground level or at the height of the bushes of 2 to 3 mts.

The witness could see a line of flashing green, red, and orange lights, in the centre above these lights was a larger bright round red light. Added to this was a beam of light that came from somewhere in between the line of lights and the red light, this beam was going back and forth across the parkland showing up the bushes and trees clearly.

The witness tried to find an explanation for the lights, thinking they may be a council rubbish truck. However after maybe a minute all the lights went out except the top red light. The red light started to spin faster and faster then moved gradually up vertically, it then angled out to the right over the Derwent River. In a second or two the rapidly spinning red light had disappeared, the witness could not determine if it went off into the distance or just switched off.

The sighting area was visited 3 days after sighting but nothing to readily explain the case was noted. A number of dark curved marks were found on the honeycomb concrete but investigators suspect this was from motorists doing "Wheelies". Samples of the marks were taken for later analysis.

Fireball prompts search 25/7/71

PROPERTY owners are scouring an area near Longreach in remote central Queensland for a meteor believed to have plummeted to earth on Tuesday. Sixteen-year-old sheep shearer Ron Raymond said yesterday he saw a huge fireball while he was working on a friend's property, about 140 kilometres south-west of Longreach at 2pm. Longreach police have confirmed the sighting.

MURRAY

Meteorite not to blame for quake

PERTH — A fist-sized space rock may have punched a hole in the ground near Albany in WA on Monday, but scientists have discounted theories that it might have triggered an earthquake.

Dr Alex Bevan, curator of meteorites and minerals at the WA Museum, estimated the meteorite to have been no bigger than a football. The tremor which woke people in Albany was probably a coincidence, he said.

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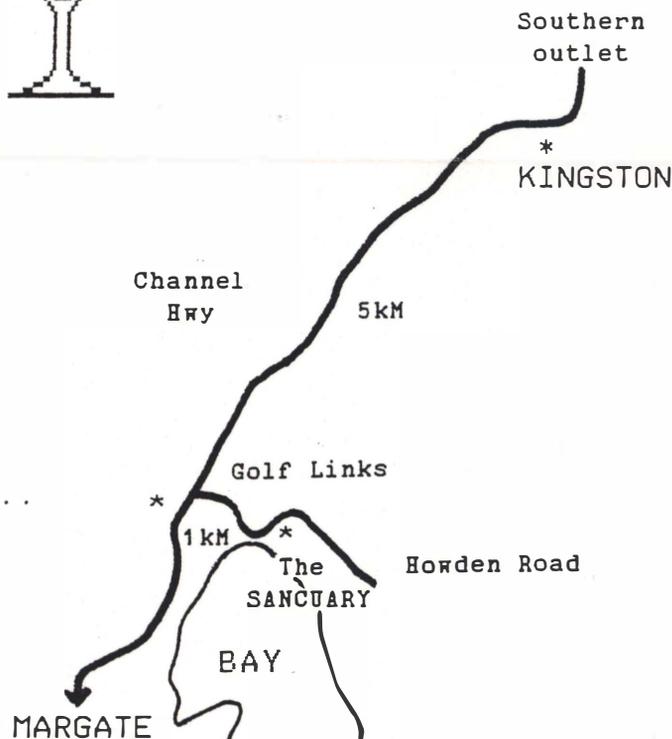
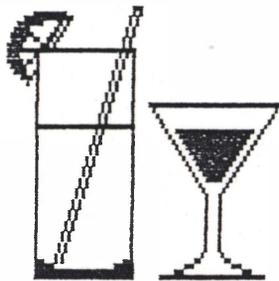
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